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SUBJECT: CZECH COOLNESS TOWARD EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS

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1. IN A STATEMENT WHICH RECALLS MARK TWAIN'S FAMOUS TALE OF THE SIAMESE TWINS (THE BROTHERS ARE SO CLOSE THAT THE EMOTIONS OF ONE ARE INSTANTLY EXPERIENCED BY THE OTHER), EGYPTIAN SECOND SECRETARY SOLIMAN OSMAN TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 16 THAT THE CZECHS WERE "REALLY ANGRY" IN WAKE OF SADAT'S PROPOSED ABROGATION OF SOVIET TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. HE SAID THAT THE 16TH HAD BEEN A VERY TOUGH DAY FOR HIS EMBASSY AND CITED AS EXAMPLE FACT THAT HIS APPOINTMENT WITH MFA OFFICIAL WAS SUDDENLY CANCELLED BY CZECHS.

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2. AGAINST BACKGROUND OF MIDDLE EAST, IT SEEMS THAT CZECH-

EGYPTIAN EMBASSY RELATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN THE BEST (SEE REF)
AND THAT CZECHS COOLNESS OVER BREAK WITH SOVIETS REPRESENTS
LATEST AND, PERHAPS, MOST NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENT YET IN THIS
TREND.
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